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PENNSYLVANIA STATE LUNATIC HOSPITAL

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PENN'A STATE LUNATIC HOSPITAL,

AT

HARRISBURG;

WITH THE

ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHING THE SAME.

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IN THE SENATE

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OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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SUPERINTENDENT AND PHYSICIAN.

JOHN CURWEN, M. D.

ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN.

STEWARD.

WILLIAM D. SLAYMAKER.

MATRON.

TREASURER.

JOHN A. WEIR, Harrisburg.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Harrisburg, March 22, 1851. }

I do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the annexed by-laws for the government of the "Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital," as submitted to my consideration by the Trustees, and I do hereby approve of the same.

Witness my hand the date above written.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

1. The Board of Trustees shall elect one of their number President, who shall continue in office until the next annual meeting after his election, or until a successor is appointed. When the President is absent from a meeting, the members present shall appoint a President *pro tem*.

2. They shall elect one of their number Secretary, who shall attend all the meetings of the Board, keep a record of their proceedings, and hold his office until the next annual meeting of the Board.

3. They shall appoint a Committee of Audit, who shall hold their places until the next annual meeting after their appointment.

4. They shall elect a Treasurer, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Board; shall sign a bond for the faithful performance of his duties, and, whenever required, shall attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

5. The Board of Trustees shall hold their annual meeting on the second Saturday of January in each and every year, for the purpose of receiving the annual report of the Superintendent and Treasurer, and to receive and adopt the annual report of the Trustees, which shall be prepared by the President, or some member of the Board to be designated by him. They shall also hold quarterly meetings on the first Thursday of April, July and October, in each and every year.

6. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, at his discretion; and he shall call such meetings, whenever three members shall make a written request for the same.

7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice to the members by mail, or otherwise, of all meetings, and, if special, to state the business for which they are convened, at such time previous as the President, or the members calling the meeting, may direct.

8. The Hospital shall be visited by the whole Board at its annual meeting at the time above stated, and by at least a majority of the Board at the time of the quarterly meetings.

9. Of the members of the Board residing in or near Harrisburg, two shall be designated by the Secretary, of whom, in rotation, at

least one shall visit the Hospital weekly, and two members shall be designated in like manner, who shall visit it monthly; a record of all of which visits and proceedings shall be entered in a book to be provided for the purpose, which book shall be presented at each meeting of the Board; and also be open to the inspection of the members at all times. Any member of the Board of Trustees, not of these committees, shall have authority to visit with them.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE RESIDENT OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL.

1. The officers of the Hospital shall consist of the Superintendent, of one Assistant Physician, of a Steward and a Matron, all of whom shall reside on the premises, and devote their whole time to the interests of the Institution.

2. The Superintendent shall not resign his office without giving the Board at least three months' notice, nor shall any of the other officers resign, without giving the Superintendent a similar notice.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Superintendent shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Hospital. "He shall appoint and exercise entire control over all subordinate officers and assistants in the Institution, and shall have entire direction of the duties of the same."

2. He shall prepare a code of rules and regulations for the government of those employed in the care of the patients, or on the premises, which shall be printed, and a copy furnished to each person thus employed.

3. He shall have the general superintendence of the buildings, grounds and farm, together with the stock, furniture and fixtures.

4. He shall visit all the patients daily, or learn their condition.— He shall have the entire direction of their medical, moral and dietetic treatment; and his instructions respecting them, are to be implicitly obeyed by all persons about the establishment.

5. He shall obtain, as far as practicable, a complete history of every patient admitted into the Hospital, and shall keep, or cause to be kept for the use of the Institution, a register of the same, and as full a record of the subsequent treatment and results, as he may deem likely to promote the interests of science and benefit the insane.

6. He shall receive and answer, or cause to be answered, all communications respecting the Hospital; and shall file all letters thus

received, and keep, in a book provided for the purpose, copies of all letters written in answer thereto.

7. Subject to the general instructions of the Board of Trustees, he shall determine what attendants and other assistants are necessary to be employed, and their respective places and duties, and shall arrange with them their rate of monthly wages.

8. At each visit of the Trustees, he shall exhibit the records of the Hospital, and at the quarterly meetings, shall give a written statement of its condition.

9. At the annual meeting on the second Saturday of January, he shall give a full and detailed report of the operations of the Hospital during the year ending on the 31st day of December preceding, with tabular statements of the cases treated during the year, and of the condition of the Hospital, with such other observations as he may deem useful or interesting.

10. He shall immediately pay over to the Treasurer of the Hospital, all moneys which may be advanced for pay patients, or which he may have received or collected, or which may have been received or collected by persons employed by him, and belonging to the Hospital.

11. Previous to the annual meeting of the Board, he shall cause to be prepared a statement of the stock, furniture, implements and stores on hand, with the estimated value of the same.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall give bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, with such securities as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Trustees.

2. He shall collect all moneys due the Institution for board of patients, or otherwise; shall receive, hold and disburse, under the direction of the Trustees, all moneys which may be granted by the Legislature, or obtained from other sources for the use of the Institution; and once in each year, on the second Saturday of January, and as much oftener as may be required, he shall exhibit an account of his receipts and expenditures, with all the vouchers therefor, for the examination of the Board. He shall also present a statement of his accounts at each quarterly meeting of the Board.

3. The Treasurer, on paying any bill or order of the Steward, shall take a voucher for such payment, and file the same in his office,

and shall enter in his book, under the specific heads of expenditure, all sums paid by him out of the treasury.

4. No order of the Steward shall be paid by the Treasurer, unless accompanied by a bill of particulars, specifying the object of the payment, and countersigned as "approved" by the Superintendent.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN.

1. The Assistant Physician shall have charge of the shop, which he shall see is always kept in proper order, and shall prepare and superintend the administration of the medicine.

2. He shall attend the Physician in his regular morning visits, and shall also visit all the patients each evening, shall carefully note their condition, and visit such as are under treatment as much oftener as may be necessary.

3. He shall see that all the directions of the Physician are faithfully executed, and shall promptly report all cases of neglect, or abuse, on the part of the attendants.

4. He shall carefully study the character and peculiarities of the patients, make himself intimately acquainted with their disorder, exert over them all the moral influence in his power, and direct their exercise and amusements.

5. He shall, at the request of the Superintendent, keep a record of the cases, and perform all other services in the medical department which may be required.

6. He shall exercise the duties of the Superintendent whenever the latter may be absent.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE STEWARD.

1. The Steward shall execute a bond, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Trustees, in the penalty of three thousand dollars, conditional, that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and pay over and account for all moneys belonging to the Hospital which shall come into his hands; which bond shall be executed to the Treasurer of the Hospital, and filed in his office.

2. The Steward, under the direction of the Superintendent, shall purchase furniture, fuel, stores, implements, and stock for the farm, and all other necessary articles, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping and economical use of the same.

3. He shall keep clear, methodical and exact accounts of all purchases, of all receipts and expenditures of money, and of all charges on account of patients. He shall exhibit all his account books, and recent vouchers, to the Trustees at their first visit in each month, and shall furnish a quarterly abstract of the same, both to the Treasurer and Trustees, at the annual and quarterly meetings in each year.—Copies of all accounts which become due to the Institution, shall be furnished to the Treasurer monthly, and oftener at his request.

4. In all cases of purchase by the Steward, he shall require duplicate bills, on one of which he shall endorse an order upon the Treasurer to pay the amount of the bill, and on the other, take a receipt for the order given by him on the Treasurer.

5. No order of the Steward shall be paid by the Treasurer, unless it is accompanied with the bill of items, for the payment of which the order was given, nor unless the bill or order be countersigned or endorsed “approved” by the Superintendent.

6. The Steward shall keep one of the duplicate accounts, with the copy of the order on the Treasurer, in every such case of purchase by him, and make the proper entries, under the appropriate head of expenditure, in his books.

7. The Treasurer may, from time to time, advance to the Steward, on his own order, specifying that it is to pay incidental expenses, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars. The Steward shall keep an accurate account, in detail, of all such expenses paid out of the sums so advanced to him by the Treasurer, and shall settle the same monthly, or oftener if required. Such account shall be examined and approved by the Superintendent, before it is settled by the Treasurer, and a copy thereof, with vouchers for all sums exceeding one dollar, shall be filed with the Treasurer. The Steward shall account for each sum of two hundred dollars, which he shall thus receive, before a farther advance shall be made to him as aforesaid.

8. In the name of the Superintendent, and by his direction in each case, and not otherwise, the Steward shall hire attendants and assistants, and agree with them for their wages; and by like direction, he shall dismiss them when unfaithful, negligent or incompetent, and shall keep and settle their accounts.

9. He shall constantly observe the conduct of all persons employed in subordinate stations, see that, in all respects, they do their duty, and report to the Superintendent any instance of negligence, misconduct, or abuse, that he may observe, or of which he may be informed.

10. Under the general direction of the Superintendent, he shall

attend to the business of the farm, stock, garden, grounds, fences and out-buildings, and see that they are always kept in good order.

11. He shall also assist in maintaining the police of the establishment, shall see to the opening and closing of the house, and that the attendants and assistants rise and commence business immediately after the ringing of the morning bell, and that they retire in proper season at night; that the bell is rung at proper times; that the fires are regularly kindled and extinguished, as directed, and that the warmth, cleanliness and ventilation of the house is attended to. He shall observe the conduct of the inmates at the religious and other meetings, and when in the wings, and at all times, shall exert what influence he can, to promote the comfort and recovery of the patients.

12. He shall keep the account of the clothing of the male patients when they enter and leave the Hospital, and see that it is properly marked and preserved by their attendants.

13. He shall also receive visitors, give them all suitable information, and accompany them to such parts of the building and grounds as are open for examination.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE MATRON.

1. The Matron, under the general direction of the Superintendent, shall have charge of the domestic concerns of the Institution, frequently inspect every department, and thus assist to secure the neat and orderly arrangement of the whole house, as well as faithfulness in the discharge of duty of all persons engaged in subordinate trusts.

2. She shall have the general oversight and direction of the domestics, and shall superintend and direct the cooking and distribution of food, and in conjunction with the Steward, shall see that the supply is abundant, varied, well cooked, and neatly served in all the dining rooms of the Institution.

3. She shall also see that the bedding, clothing, &c., of the patients are always kept clean and in good order. She shall frequently visit and inspect all parts of the Institution, in order to secure the faithful service of all persons employed, the neatness and good order of their respective departments, and the comfort and welfare of the whole household.

CHAPTER VIII.

SUPERVISION AND ATTENDANCE ON PATIENTS.

1. The Superintendent shall be authorized to employ, whenever he deems it expedient, one supervisor for the male, and one for the

female department of the Institution. He may also employ one male and one female teacher for the instruction of the patients, and two attendants for each ward in the Institution.

2. He shall employ one watchman, who shall see to the general safety of the building from fire, and shall, during the night, regularly pass through all parts of the building not occupied by females. And one watchwoman who shall, during the same period, have charge of all parts of the house occupied by females. •

3. The watchman and watchwoman shall commence their duties before the attendants retire at night, and shall not leave the wards until after the attendants assume the charge of them in the morning.

4. All persons employed shall faithfully obey the rules prepared by the Superintendent.

CHAPTER IX.

GENERAL RULES.

1. No intoxicating drinks of any kind, shall be used by any one in the establishment, unless upon the medical prescription of the Superintendent, and no one shall be employed who is known to use them either at home or abroad. Nor shall there be any smoking of tobacco in or about the buildings.

2. No non-resident shall remain in the Institution at night, without the knowledge of the Superintendent.

CHAPTER X.

VISITERS.

Strangers and others may be permitted to visit such parts of the Institution as are not occupied by patients, on any day except Sunday, (on which day visitors shall not be admitted) between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M., and between 2 and 4 P. M. But no visitor shall be admitted within the wards occupied by patients, without express permission from the Superintendent, and especial care is to be taken, that no amount of visiting is permitted in the wards that might prove injurious to the patients.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Preparatory to the admission of a patient, (unless when committed by order of a court) the Superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate of a physician, that he has seen and examined the individual, and believes him or her to be insane, with a request from a

near relative or friend, that the patient may be received into the Hospital, and a bond, with satisfactory security, for the payment of board and other expenses while in the Institution. All private patients thus received, shall make a payment of thirteen weeks board in advance, when brought to the Hospital, and if taken away uncured and against the advice and consent of the Superintendent within that period, no part of said payment shall be refunded.

2. Whenever a patient is sent to the Hospital by the order of any court, justice or judge, the order or warrant, or a copy thereof, by which such person is sent, shall be lodged with the Superintendent.

3. Each patient, before admission, shall be made perfectly clean, and be free from vermin, or any contagious or infectious disease.

4. Each male patient shall be provided with at least three new shirts, a new and substantial coat, vest and pantaloons of strong woollen cloth, three pair of woollen socks, a black stock or cravat, a good hat or cap, and a pair of new shoes or boots, together with a comfortable outside garment.

5. Each female patient, in addition to the same quantity of under garments, shoes and stockings, shall have a flannel petticoat, two good dresses, also a cloak or other outside garment. In case the patient is so much excited as not to admit of being thus clothed, other clothing that can be kept on, that is comfortable and in sufficient quantity, with a change thereof, may be substituted.

6. It is very desirable that extra and better apparel should be sent with those accustomed to it, that when their health is improved, and when they attend religious worship, walk or ride out, their self respect may be preserved.

In all cases, the patient's best clothing should be sent; it will be carefully preserved, and only used when deemed necessary for the purposes above mentioned. Jewelry, and all superfluous articles of dress, knives, &c., &c., should be left at home, as they are liable to be lost.

7. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient, and if possible, some one acquainted with the individual should accompany him to the Hospital, from whom minute, but often essential particulars may be learned.

8. The price of board, including washing, mending and attendance, for all who are supported at the public charge, is two dollars per week. For private patients, or those supported by themselves or their friends, the price varies from three to ten dollars, according to the trouble and expense incurred, and according to their ability to pay.

Higher prices are paid by a special agreement with the Superintendent, for extra attention and accommodations.

Payments are required to be made quarterly, in advance, on the fifteenth of March, June, September and December.

9. A bond, with satisfactory sureties, will be required for the payment of the board and expenses, and for the removal of the patient when discharged, of all persons, excepting those sent at the expense of the counties, or townships.

Those who bring friends, should be prepared to give such a bond, and if strangers, bring evidence of their responsibility.

FORM OF PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I, _____ of _____ do hereby certify that I have this day seen and examined _____ of _____ in the county of _____, and believe _____ to be insane, and a proper patient to be sent to the State Lunatic Hospital.
_____ M. D.

_____ 18 —.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION.

I, _____ of _____, hereby request that _____ of _____, the patient above named, may be admitted as a patient into the State Lunatic Hospital.

_____ 18 —.

BOND.

Know all men by these presents, that we _____ of _____ in the county of _____, are held and firmly bound unto _____, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, and his successors in office, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the payment of which, we jointly and severally bind ourselves firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated the _____ day of _____ 18 —.

Whereas _____ of _____, in the county of _____, and who is insane, has been admitted a patient in the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, at Harrisburg : Now, therefore, the condition of this obligation is, that if the said obligors shall pay to the said Treasurer, or his successors in office, the sum of _____ dollars and _____ cents per week, for the board of said patient, so long as he shall continue in said Hospital, with such extra charges as may be occasioned by _____ requiring more than ordinary care and attention, and shall provide for _____ suitable clothing, and shall pay for all such necessary articles of clothing as shall be procured for _____ by the Steward of said Hospital, and shall remove _____ from said Hospital whenever required to do so by the Superintendent, and if he shall be removed by the request of either of us, or by any one before the expiration of three calendar months after reception, then if said obligors pay board for thirteen weeks, unless _____ should be sooner cured, and if they also pay, not exceeding fifty dollars, for all damages _____ may do to the furniture, or other property of the Hospital, and for reasonable charges in case of death ; such payments for board and clothing to be made in advance quarterly, on the fifteenth day of March, June, September and December, in each year, and at the time of removal, with interest on each bill from and after the time it becomes due, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in force.





Signed and sealed in presence of

FORM OF BEQUEST.

All donations, bequests, &c., must be made in the name of the
 "Trustees of the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital."

ACTS OF ASSEMBLY.

AN ACT

To establish an asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth, to be called
 “The Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital and Union Asylum for the Insane.”

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Jacob M. Haldeman, Luther Reily, Hugh Campbell, Charles B. Trego and Joseph Konigmacher, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to select and purchase a tract of land of not less than one hundred acres, situated within ten miles of Harrisburg, which said tract of land shall not cost more than ten thousand dollars; shall have a never failing supply of water on the premises, and be conveniently situated for receiving supplies of fuel: *Provided,* That the said commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, other than their necessary expenses: *And provided also,* That if any person or persons shall make a gift of such a tract, the said commissioners are hereby authorized to receive a deed for the same, in trust for the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, and the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting and constructing the hereinafter described building and buildings: *Provided,* That the said fifteen thousand dollars shall not be paid until the conveyance of the aforesaid tract of land shall have been made as provided for in this section: *Provided also,* That the sum hereby appropriated shall be retained, by the State Treasurer, out of the amount of relief notes to be cancelled on the thirty-first of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

SECTION 2. At any time after said site shall be obtained by the said commissioners, not exceeding three months, they shall contract for the erection of said asylum, on the most approved plan, on such terms as are just and prudent: *Provided,* That said hospital buildings shall be constructed in the most approved manner, of brick or unhewn stone; the foundation to be substantial and of rough mason work; the basements above ground of hammered stone; water-table, window and door sills, window and door caps, and door steps of the same material; partition walls to be of brick, and to contain flues for ventilators, furnace flues for heating, and also water pipes if necessary; the roof to be of slate or tin plate fire proof.

SECTION 3. Said commissioners shall, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and on the first day of January annually thereafter, until the buildings are completed respectively, render to the proper accounting officers of the Common-

wealth, an exact account of all the contracts, expenses and liabilities which they shall have incurred, or authorized in the execution of their commissions, with vouchers for the same ; and in case of their failure so to do, their authority to draw on the State Treasurer for such sum or sums of money as shall hereafter be specified, shall cease ; and said commissioners shall so build, finish and furnish said asylum, that the whole cost of said buildings and furniture, with suitable apparatus for heating the rooms, for cooking, and for furnishing water for all the uses of the establishment, to accommodate two hundred and fifty patients, and the necessary attendants, shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars : *And provided also*, That the commissioners appointed by this act, before entering upon their duties, shall give bond with such security as may be required by the Executive, for the faithful and proper application of the funds placed in their hands and performance of their duties.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the said commissioners, on the warrant of the Governor, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums of money as they may require for building said asylum, together with the necessary out buildings, and the complete finishing and furnishing of the same, not exceeding in the whole the said sum of fifteen thousand dollars, at such times as they may be wanted, the expenditure thereof to be accounted for to the Auditor General of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 5. The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint nine persons to be trustees of the said institution, who shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Trustees of the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital and Union Asylum for the Insane," and shall manage and direct the concerns of the Institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth ; and shall have power to receive, hold, dispose of, and convey all real and personal property conveyed to them by gift, devise or otherwise, for the use of the said Institution, and shall serve without compensation ; of those first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods, the vacancies to be filled by appointments for three years ; and should any vacancy occur by death, resignation or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired time of such trustee. The said trustees shall have charge of the general interests of the Institution ; they shall appoint the Superintendent, who shall be a skillful physician, subject to removal or re election no oftener than in periods of ten years, except by infidelity to the trust reposed in him, or for incompetency—said physician shall always reside in the asylum, he shall be a married man, and his family shall reside with him ; the trustees, by and with the consent of the Governor, shall make such by-laws and regulations for the government of the asylum as shall be necessary ; they shall appoint a treasurer, who shall give bonds to the Commonwealth for the faithful discharge of his duties ; they shall determine his compensation for services ; also the salaries of the other

officers and assistants, who may be necessary for the just and economical administration of the affairs of said hospital.

SECTION 6. The superintending physician shall appoint and exercise entire control over all subordinate officers and assistants in the Institution, and shall have entire direction of the duties of the same.

SECTION 7. The said trustees, and their successors in office, shall have power to take and hold in trust, for the use and benefit of said asylum, any grant or devise of land, and any donation or bequest of money, or other personal property to be applied to the maintenance of insane persons, in or to the general use of the asylum.

SECTION 8. The admission of insane patients from the several counties of the Commonwealth, shall be in the ratio of their insane population: *Provided*, That each county shall be entitled to send at least one insane patient.

SECTION 9. Indigent persons and paupers shall be charged for medical attendance, board and nursing, while residents in the hospital, no more than the actual cost; paying patients, whose friends can pay their expenses, and who are not chargeable upon townships or counties, shall pay according to the terms directed by the trustees.

SECTION 10. The courts of this Commonwealth shall have power to commit to said asylum any person, who having been charged with an offence punishable by imprisonment or death, who shall have been found to have been insane, in the manner now provided by law, at the time the offence was committed, and who still continues insane; and the expenses of said persons, if in indigent circumstances, shall be paid by the county to which he or she may belong by residence.

SECTION 11. That it shall be the duty of the court, in all cases where they shall commit any person to the asylum, to certify to the trustees the legal settlement of such person, if he or she have any legal settlement in this Commonwealth; and if such person shall have no such settlement, then to certify the place of residence of such person at the time of offence committed, on application made, and the poor district so certified to be the place of settlement or residence of such person, shall be chargeable with the expenses of his or her care and maintenance, and removal to and from said asylum: *Provided*, That the settlement or residence of any such person shall not be so certified, until after due notice shall have been given to the constituted authority having charge of poor in the district to be charged thereby.

SECTION 12. The several constituted authorities having care and charge of the poor in the respective counties, districts and townships of this Commonwealth, shall have authority to send to the asylum such insane paupers under their charge as they may deem proper subjects; and they shall be severally chargeable with the expenses of the care, and maintenance, and removal to and from the asylum, of such paupers.

SECTION 13. If the guardian, directors, or overseers of the poor, to whom any patient who shall be in the asylum is chargeable, shall neglect or refuse, upon demand made, to pay to the trustees the expenses of the care, maintenance, and removal of such patient, and also, in the event of death, of the funeral expenses of such patient, the

said trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to collect the same as debts of a like nature are now collected.

SECTION 14. That if any person shall apply to any court of record within this Commonwealth, having jurisdiction of offences which are punishable by imprisonment for the term of ninety days or longer, for the commitment to said asylum any insane person within the county in which such court has jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of said court to inquire into the fact of insanity in the manner provided by law; and if such court shall be satisfied that such person is, by reason of insanity, unsafe to be at large, or is suffering any unnecessary duress or hardship, such court shall, on the application aforesaid, commit such insane person to said asylum.

SECTION 15. In order of admission, the indigent insane of this Commonwealth shall always have precedence of the rich; and while the finances of the State do not permit ample provisions for all cases of insanity, recent cases shall have preference over those of long standing.

SECTION 16. The Governor, judges of the several courts of record in the Commonwealth, and the members of the Legislature, shall be ex-officio visitors of the Institution.

SECTION 17. That the commissioners appointed by the first section of this act, are hereby authorized and required to appoint a committee of five, in every city and county of this Commonwealth, to solicit and receive private subscriptions for this laudable and benevolent object, and from time to time pay the same over to the State Treasurer; and the State Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the commissioners aforesaid, all such sum or sums of money thus received, to aid in the erection of said asylum.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act to establish an Asylum for the Insane Poor of this Commonwealth, passed April fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the name of the asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth, as established by the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby changed to that of the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital; and so much of the third section of said act as requires the commissioners to build, finish, furnish and otherwise complete the said asylum for the sum of fifty thousand dollars, is hereby repealed; and it is hereby declared to be the intent and meaning of the act to which this is a supplement, that the said sum of fifty thousand dollars should be contributed by the State, for the purpose of erecting an asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth, and the said sum is hereby specifically appropriated for that purpose, to be paid by the State Treasurer, on warrants drawn by the Governor in favor of the commissioners named in the said act, at such times as the same may be required for erecting, finishing, and otherwise completing said asylum: *Provided*, That not more than one-third of said sum shall be drawn from the treasury in any one year: *And provided further*, That the names of Aaron Bombaugh, John A. Weir and James Fox, of the borough of Harrisburg, be added to the list of commissioners named in the act to which this is a supplement: *And provided*, That the fifteen thousand dollars appropriated by the act to which this is a supplement, shall be considered as a part of the fifty thousand dollars hereby appropriated: *Provided further*, That no part of said money shall be drawn from the treasury, until contracts shall have been actually made for the commencement of the said buildings; and no greater sum than ten thousand dollars shall be drawn from the treasury at any one time, or until the commissioners shall have filed vouchers for the amount drawn.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

